

XII. *Description of some Gold Ornaments recently found in Ireland, in a Letter from LORD ALBERT CONYNNGHAM, F.S.A., to Sir Henry Ellis, K.H., F.R.S., Secretary.*

Read 22nd December, 1842.

MY DEAR SIR HENRY,

Bifrons, December 19th, 1842.

THE golden ornaments which you will receive to-morrow evening to exhibit to the Society of Antiquaries, should you consider them sufficiently interesting, I have numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. (Plate XII.)

The first five were accidentally found by a labouring man about a fortnight since, within a few yards of the entrance to the caves at New Grange. They were at the depth of two feet from the surface of the ground, and without any covering or protection from the earth about them. Another labouring man, hearing of this discovery, carefully searched the spot whence they were taken, and found a denarius of Geta, and two other coins of small brass, but quite defaced; they are all in my possession.

The Collar which I have marked 6 was found in the neighbourhood of Ardrah, in the county of Donegal. I understood that a labourer found it concealed in the cleft of a rock; but the person who brought it to me made a condition of selling it to me, that I would neither inquire the finder's name nor the precise spot where it was found, the finder of the collar fearing that the money he received from me would be forced from him by his landlord or his agent, should his name be known.

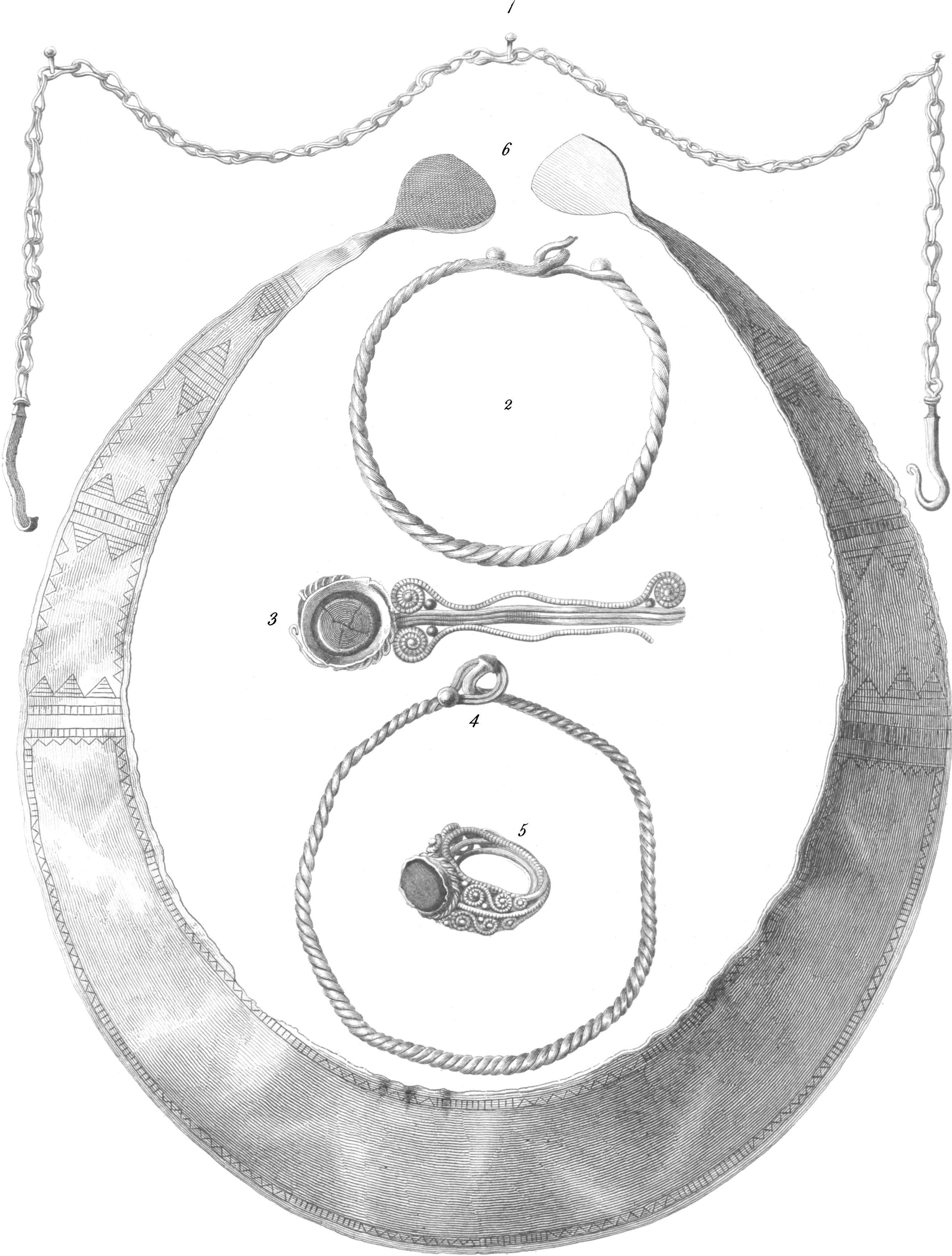
I remain, my dear Sir Henry,

Very sincerely yours,

ALBERT CONYNNGHAM.

SIR HENRY ELLIS, K.H., F.R.S.

Sec. S. A.



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